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To: Liam Skinner, Interim Superintendent of Schools From: Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer

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Re: 2023-24 Student Handbooks

For the 2023-24 school year, the following updates are being proposed to the K-8 student handbook:

- Directory information updates for school administration (pgs. 8-10)
- Date/year changes to reflect the new school year
- 2023-24 school calendar (pg. 13)
- Removal of mask guidelines (pg. 1-17)
- Elimination of a specific dress requirement for physical education classes (pg. 1-18)
- Appeal procedures for an in-school suspension to the Superintendent. (pg. 2-4)
- Updated legal references relating to major violations (pg. 2-2)
- A deletion of unnecessary language in the Food Service section (pg.1-20)

For the 2023-24 school year, the Lowell High School Team is recommending the following changes:

- Directory information updates for the Lowell High Administration (pgs. 7-8)
- Date/year changes to reflect the new school year
- An updated description for the Portrait of a Graduate (pg. 10).
- New inductees to the Lowell High Distinguished Alumni (pg. 14)
- 2023-24 school calendar (pg.15).
- Clarification for the math graduation requirement (pg.16)
- The updated information for Advanced Placement exam costs (pg. 20)
- Updated legal references relating to major violations (pg. 44)
- Elimination of a specific dress requirement for physical education classes (pg. 37)
- Appeal procedures for an in-school suspension to the Superintendent. (pg. 47)
- Due to construction, a correction on fire/evacuation procedures (pg 38)
- A deletion of unnecessary language in the Food Service section (pg. 40)
- An update of the approval process for fundraising (pg. 40)

All deletions and new language are captured in red font throughout the draft documents. Formatting and page numbers will be finalized once the new language is approved and redline edits removed.